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SUBJ: RELATIONS WITH NEW CHILEAN GOVT

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1. BY OUR COUNT, FOLLOWING STATES APPEAR TO HAVE RECOGNIZED NEW CHILEAN MILITARY REGIME: BRAZIL, URUGUAY, GUATEMALA, SWITZERLAND, SPAIN, PARAGUAY, EL SALVADOR, COSTA RICA AND YUGOSLAVIA. FIRST FIVE HAVE ANSWERED CHILEAN NOTE AND LATTER FOUR REPORTEDLY HAVE ANNOUNCED IN THEIR OWN CAPITALS THAT THEY ARE RECOGNIZING OR CONTINUING RELATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, FRANCE AND MEXICO APPEAR TO REGARD RELATIONS AS CONTINUING UNDER ESTRADA DOCTRINE. WE ARE BEGINNING TO NOTE SOME ANXIETY ABOUT OUR OWN DELAY. MOST RECENT INQUIRIES ABOUT TIMING OF OUR RECOGNITION HAVE COME FROM MILITARY OFFICERS IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND ORLANDO SAENZ, NEW ECONOMIC ADVISER OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. AS THE DEPT IS AWARE, CHILE'S NATIONAL HOLIDAYS ARE IMMEDIATELY AHEAD. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CHILEANS ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING A TE DEUM IN THE CATHEDRAL ON TUESDAY, SEPT 18, AND A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT THE JOSE MIGUEL CARRERA MONUMENT IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY ON WED., SEPT 19. THERE WOULD BE AT LEAST A TOKEN MILITARY FORMATION AT THE LATTER CEREMONY. MY ABSENCE FROM EITHER OF THESE CEREMONIES WOULD, I BELIEVE, BE WIDELY NOTED AND I BELIEVE THE DEPT MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH THE NEW CHILEAN GOVT IN TIME TO GIVE ME SOME ADVICE BY MONDAY NIGHT.

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